#### BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. C090225-01

Case No. C090616-07

Case No. C090728-11

JAMES M. AMEN 5 Pebble Trail Court Sacramento, CA 95826

Real Estate Appraiser License No. AR038300

Respondent.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Director of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on

02/03/2012

It is so ORDERED

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Original Signed

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this		
19	proceeding that the following matters are true:		
20	PARTIES		
21	1. Elizabeth Seaters, acting on behalf the Office of Real Estate Appraisers		
22	("Complainant") brought the Accusation solely in her official capacity as a Supervising Property		
23	Appraiser Investigator for Complainant and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris,		
24	Attorney General of the State of California, by Leslie A. Burgermyer, Deputy Attorney General.		
25	2. James M. Amen ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney John C.		
26	McCarron, Esq., whose address is Stern, Van Vleck & McCarron, LL, 925 L Street, Suite 850,		
27	Sacramento, CA, 95814.		
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3. On or about August 3, 2007, the Office of Real Estate Appraisers ("OREA") issued Real Estate Appraiser License No. AR038300 to Respondent. The Real Estate Appraiser License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 and will expire on September 15, 2011, unless renewed.

<u>JURISDICTION</u>

4. Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 was filed before the Director of the OREA ("Director") and is currently pending against Respondent. Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 4, 2011. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11. A true and correct copy of Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 is attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

# **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order ("Stipulated Surrender").
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent agrees that at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges and allegations in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11. Respondent hereby surrenders his Real Estate Appraiser License No. AR038300 for the Director's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulated Surrender he enables the Director to issue his order accepting the surrender of his Real Estate Appraiser License without further process.

#### RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Director of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### CONTINGENCY

11. This Stipulated Surrender shall be subject to approval by the Director of OREA or designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the OREA may communicate directly with the Director regarding this Stipulated Surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing this Stipulated Surrender, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the Stipulated Surrender prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this Stipulated Surrender as the Decision and Order, this Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

# **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Real Estate Appraiser License No. AR038300, issued to Respondent James M. Amen ("Respondent"), is surrendered and accepted by the Director of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers ("OREA").

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Real Estate Appraiser License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Director shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order ("Stipulated Surrender") constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Director.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Real Estate Appraiser in California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Director his license certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent's future application for licensure, if any, shall be treated by the Director as an application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the application is filed, and

all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the application.

- 5. If Respondent's application for license is granted, then he shall pay to the Director prior to the issuance of the license, all costs associated with its investigation, enforcement, and prosecution pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 11409 in the amount of \$19,434.50. Said costs shall be immediately due and payable in one lump sum prior to issuance of the license.
- 6. If Respondent should ever apply or re-apply for a new license or certification by any other licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation Case No. C090225-01, Case No. C090616-07, and Case No. C090728-11 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

# **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, John C. McCarron, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Real Estate Appraiser License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers.

DATED: 1/13/12

# Original Signed

JAMES M. AMEN Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent James M. Amen the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 1/13/12

Original Signed

JOHN C. McCARRON, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

# **ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers. DATED: \_ /-/3-20/2 Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California ARTHUR D. TAGGART Supervising Deputy Attorney General Original Signed Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SA2009311000/10798749.doc

# Exhibit A

Accusation Case Nos. C090225-01, C090616-07, C090728-11

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16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>		
20	1. Elizabeth Seaters, acting on behalf of	the Office of Real Estate Appraisers	
21	("Complainant"), brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as a Supervising Property		
22	Appraiser Investigator for Complainant.		
23	2. On or about August 3, 2007, the Director of the OREA issued Real Estate Appraiser		
24	License Number AR038300 to James M. Amen ("Respondent"). The Real Estate Appraiser		
25	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will		
26	expire on September 15, 2011, unless renewed.		
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Accusation (Case Nos. C090225-01, C090616-07, C090728-11)

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the OREA, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. Code section 11313 states, in pertinent part:

The office [Office of Real Estate Appraisers] is under the supervision and control of the secretary [of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency]. The duty of enforcing and administering this part is vested in the director [of the Office of Real Estate Appraisers] and he or she is responsible to the secretary therefore. The director shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations as are determined reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

- 5. Code **section 11314** states, in pertinent part, that the OREA is required to include in its regulations requirements for licensure and discipline of real estate appraisers that ensure protection of the public.
  - 6. Code section 11319 states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice [USPAP] constitute the minimum standard of conduct and performance for a licensee in any work or service performed that is addressed by those standards. If a licensee also is certified by the Board of Equalization, he or she shall follow the standards established by the Board of Equalization when fulfilling his or her responsibilities for assessment purposes.

7. Code **section 11328** states, in pertinent part:

To substantiate documentation of appraisal experience, or to facilitate the investigation of illegal or unethical activities by a licensee, applicant, or other person acting in a capacity that requires a license, that licensee, applicant, or person shall, upon the request of the director, submit copies of appraisals, or any work product which is addressed by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice [USPAP], and all supporting documentation and data to the office.

#### REGULATORY PROVISIONS

8. California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 3701 states:

Every holder of a license under this part shall conform to and observe the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and any subsequent amendments thereto as promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation which standards are herein incorporated into these regulations by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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no one provided significant real property appraisal assistance to the person signing this certification. (If there are exceptions, the name of each individual providing significant real property appraisal assistance

must be stated.)"

# 22. The Ethics Rule of USPAP states, in pertinent part:

To promote and preserve the public trust inherent in professional appraisal practice, an appraiser must observe the highest standards of professional ethics. This ETHICS RULE is divided into four sections: Conduct, Management, Confidentiality, and Record Keeping. The first three sections apply to all appraisal practice, and all four sections apply to appraisal practice performed under Standards 1 through 10.

Compliance with these standards is required when either the service or the appraiser is obligated by law or regulation, or by agreement with the client or intended users, to comply. In addition to these requirements, an individual should comply any time that individual represents that he or she is performing the service as an appraiser.

An appraiser must not misrepresent his or her role when providing valuation services that are outside of appraisal practice.

#### Conduct:

An appraiser must perform assignments ethically and competently, in accordance with USPAP and any supplemental standards agreed to by the appraiser in accepting the assignment. An appraiser must not engage in criminal conduct. An appraiser must perform assignments with impartiality, objectivity, and independence, and without accommodation of personal interests.

In appraisal practice, an appraiser must not perform as an advocate for any party or issue.

An appraiser must not accept an assignment that includes the reporting of predetermined opinions and conclusions.

An appraiser must not communicate results in a misleading or fraudulent manner. An appraiser must not use or communicate a misleading or fraudulent report or knowingly permit an employee or other person to communicate a misleading or fraudulent report.

An appraiser must not use or rely on unsupported conclusions relating to characteristics such as race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, familial status, age, receipt of public assistance income, handicap, or an unsupported conclusion that homogeneity of such characteristics is necessary to maximize value.

#### 23. The **Competency Rule** of USPAP states:

Prior to accepting an assignment or entering into an agreement to perform any assignment, an appraiser must properly identify the problem to be addressed and have the knowledge and experience to complete the assignment competently; or alternatively, must:

1. disclose the lack of knowledge and/or experience to the client before accepting the assignment;

2. take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the assignment

competently; and

3. describe the lack of knowledge and/or experience and the steps taken to complete the assignment competently in the report.

### 24. The **Scope of Work Rule** of USPAP states:

For each appraisal, appraisal review, and appraisal consulting assignment, an appraiser must:

1. Identify the problem to be solved;

2. Determine and perform the scope of work necessary to develop credible assignment results; and

3. Discuss the scope of work in the report.

An appraiser must properly identify the problem to be solved in order to determine the appropriate scope of work. The appraiser must be prepared to demonstrate that the scope of work is sufficient to produce credible assignment results.

#### **Problem Identification**

An appraiser must gather and analyze information about those assignment elements that are necessary to properly identify the appraisal, appraisal review or appraisal consulting problem to be solved.

#### Scope of Work Acceptability

The scope of work must include the research and analyses that are necessary to develop credible assignment results.

An appraiser must not allow assignment conditions to limit the scope of work to such a degree that the assignment results are not credible in the context of the intended use.

An appraiser must not allow the intended use of an assignment or a client's objectives to cause the assignment results to be biased.

#### Disclosure Obligations

The report must contain sufficient information to allow intended users to understand the scope of work performed.

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#### COST RECOVERY

25. Code section 11409, subdivision (a) states:

Except as otherwise provided by law, any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding may direct a licensee, applicant for licensure, person who acts in a capacity that requires a license under this part, course provider, applicant for course provider accreditation, or a person who, or entity that, acts in a capacity that requires course provider accreditation found to have committed a violation or violations of statutes or regulations relating to real estate appraiser practice to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of investigation, enforcement, and prosecution of the case.

### PROPERTY #1: 3940 K STREET, SACRAMENTO

26. On or about January 12, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 3940 K Street, Sacramento, California, (Property #1) with the concluded value of \$515,000.00. The inspection of Property #1 had been performed by Respondent's trainee L.H. on December 15, 2008. Property #1 was originally built in 1920 as a single-family residential home. On or about 1946, a portion of the full basement was converted into living area (a portion of which is below grade). On the date of the appraisal, the converted full basement was utilized as a secondary unit by the owner's family member. Property #1 consists of four bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms and the finished basement consists of two bedrooms and one bathroom. Portions of Property #1's attic were converted at various unknown dates. Property #1 has a rear addition to the first and second (attic) levels which are unpermitted. Respondent inaccurately measured and unreliably reported Property #1 to have a gross living area of 2,351 square feet. He measured the finished basement at 777 square feet. The lot size was 7,518 square feet. The intended use of the Appraisal Report for Property #1 was for refinancing purposes.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Identify Property #1's Characteristics)

27. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-2(e)(i) and 2-2(b)(iii), and Competency Rule in that:

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2-2(b)(viii), in that Respondent failed to reconcile the applicability and relevance of the approaches to value, including the Income Approach, which was flawed due to unsupported market rent.

### **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

(Failure to Produce a Credible Appraisal Report)

37. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-1(a) in that in the Appraisal Report, Respondent failed to correctly employ those recognized methods and techniques necessary to produce a credible appraisal report as alleged in paragraphs 27.a through 27.f, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34.a through 34.g, 35, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

#### TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Substantial Errors or Commissions in the Appraisal Report)

38. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules section 1-1(b), in that in developing the appraisal for Property #1, Respondent committed substantial errors of omission or commission affecting the credibility of the report for Property #1, as alleged in paragraphs 27.b through 27.f, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34.a, 34.b and 34.e, and 35, above, incorporated herein by reference.

#### THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Series of Errors Affecting Credibility of Appraisal Report)

39. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules section 1-1(c) in that Respondent committed a series of errors affecting the credibility of the report as alleged in paragraphs 27.a, 34.c, 34.d, and 34.g, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

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### FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Misleading Appraisal Report)

40. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he USPAP Standards Rules section 2-1(a) in that in addition to completing his Appraisal Report on an inappropriate appraisal form, Respondent failed to clearly and accurately set forth the appraisal in a manner that would not be misleading, as alleged in paragraphs 27.a through 27.f, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.a through 34.g, 35, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Sufficient Information in Appraisal Report)

41. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules section 2-1(b) in that Respondent failed to provide sufficient information in the report for Property #1 to enable the intended users of the report to understand it properly, as alleged in paragraphs 27.a through 27.f, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.a through 34.g, 35, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incompetence)

42. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated the USPAP Competency Rule in that Respondent committed the acts, omissions, and commissions as alleged in paragraphs 27.a, 34.c through 34.d and 34.g, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

43. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated the Conduct Section of the USPAP Ethics Rule in providing unprofessional services and failing to appropriately supervise trainee L.H., in

that Respondent committed misconduct as alleged in paragraphs 27.b through 27.f, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.a, 34.b, 34.e, 34.f, 35, and 36, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# PROPERTY #2: 4125 CALIGIURI CANYON ROAD, VACAVILLE

44. On or about May 29, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 4125 Caligiuri Canyon Road, Vacaville, California, (Property #2) with a concluded value of \$735,000.00. Property #2 was inspected on May 22, 2009, by trainee S.S. Property #2 consists of a single-family residential home with three bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms, 3,343 square feet of gross living area, on 2.5 acres. The intended use of the Appraisal Report was for refinancing purposes.

### EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Inspection of Interior of Property #2)

45. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, the Conduct section of Ethics Rule, and the Scope of Work Rule in that Respondent falsely certified that he inspected the interior of the Property #2 when he did not.

# **NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

(Failure to Name Individual Performing Significant
Real Property Appraisal Assistance)

46. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, the Conduct section of Ethics Rule, and the Scope of Work Rule in that Respondent failed to appropriately disclose the professional assistance provided in the preparation of the report by S.S.

# TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Produce a Credible Appraisal Report)

47. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-1(a) in that in the Appraisal Report, Respondent failed to correctly employ those recognized methods

and techniques necessary to produce a credible appraisal report as alleged in paragraphs 45 and 46, incorporated herein by reference.

### TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Commission of Substantial Errors of Omission or Commission)

48. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 1-1(b) in that Respondent committed substantial errors of omission or commission affecting the credibility of the appraisal, as alleged in paragraphs 45 and 46, above, incorporated herein by reference.

### TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Misleading Appraisal Report)

49. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 2-1(a) in that Respondent failed to clearly and accurately set forth the appraisal in a manner that would not be misleading, as alleged in paragraphs 45 and 46, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Sufficient Information in Appraisal Report)

50. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 2-1(b) in that Respondent failed to provide sufficient information to enable the intended users of the report to understand it properly, as alleged in paragraphs 45 and 46, above, incorporated herein by reference.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

51. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated the Conduct Section of the USPAP Ethics Rule in providing unprofessional services, as alleged in paragraphs 45 and 46, above, incorporated herein by reference.

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# PROPERTY #3: 11032 NEW RIVER CIRCLE, RANCHO CORDOVA

52. On or about February 17, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 11032 New River Circle, Rancho Cordova, California, (Property #3) with a concluded value of \$240,000.00. Respondent's trainee, S.S., and an unidentified trainee appraiser performed an inspection of Property #3 on February 13, 2009. Property #3 is a single-family residential home, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and 1,319 square feet of gross living area. The intended use of the Appraisal Report was for refinancing purposes.

### TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Inspection of Interior of Property #3)

53. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, the Conduct section of Ethics Rule, and the Scope of Work Rule in that Respondent falsely certified that he inspected the interior of Property #3 when he did not.

# TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Name Individual Performing Significant

Real Property Appraisal Assistance)

54. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, and the Scope of Work Rule in that Respondent failed to appropriately disclose the professional assistance in the preparation of the report by S.S.

# TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Employ Recognized Methods and Techniques)

55. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule sections 1-1(a), in that Respondent failed to correctly employ those recognized methods and techniques necessary to produce a credible report, as alleged in paragraphs 53 and 54, above, incorporated herein by reference.

 THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience - Supervision)

60. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(7), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), and section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), in that on or about April 14, 2009, he signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for residential upgrade applicant S.S. regarding his scope of supervision and appraisal review in the Log of Appraisal for S.S.

# THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience – Intended User)

61. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(5), on the grounds he violated section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), and section 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. that his own appraisal business, California Property Appraisals, was the intended user of the Appraisal Report.

# PROPERTY #4: 9636 SEA CLIFF, ELK GROVE

62. On or about February 19, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 9636 Sea Cliff Way, Elk Grove, California, (Property #4), with the concluded value of \$265,000.00. Property #4 is a single-family residential home located on a 5,880 square foot lot with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and 2,198 square feet of gross living area. Property #4 was inspected on or about February 13, 2009, by Respondent's trainee S.S. The intended use of the Appraisal Report was for a purchase transaction purpose.

# THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience - Supervision)

63. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(7), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), and section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), in that on or about April 14,

2009, he signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for residential upgrade applicant S.S. regarding his scope of supervision and appraisal review in the Log of Appraisal for S.S.

# THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience – Intended User)

Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(5), on the grounds he violated section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), and section 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. that his own appraisal business, California Property Appraisals, was the intended user of the Appraisal Report.

### PROPERTY #5: 160 NEWMAN STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

65. On or about March 16, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 160 Newman Street, San Francisco, California, (Property #5), with the concluded value of \$359,000.00. Property #5 is a single family residential home located on a 1,040 square foot lot with one bedroom, one bathroom, and 500 square feet of gross living area. Property #5 was inspected on or about March 10, 2009, by Respondent's trainee S.S. The intended use of the Appraisal Report was for refinancing purposes.

# THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Name Individual Performing Significant

Real Property Appraisal Assistance)

66. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, and the Scope of Work Rule. in that Respondent's report failed to appropriately disclose the professional assistance in the preparation of the report by S.S.

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# FORTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Sufficient Information in Appraisal Report)

71. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 2-1(b) in that Respondent failed to provide sufficient information to enable the intended users of the report to understand it properly, as alleged in paragraphs 66 and 67, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# FORTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

72. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated the Conduct Section of the USPAP Ethics Rule in providing appraisal services, as alleged in paragraphs 66 and 67, above, incorporated herein by reference.

### FORTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience - Supervision)

73. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(7), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), and section 3568, subdivisions (e)(4), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. regarding his scope of supervision and appraisal review in the Log of Appraisal for S.S.

#### FORTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience – Intended User)

74. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), in violation of section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), and section 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the

Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. that his own appraisal business, California Property Appraisals, was the intended user of the appraisal report.

## PROPERTY #6: 154 - 28TH STREET, #1, SAN FRANCISCO

75. On or about March 18, 2009, Respondent completed a real estate Appraisal Report for the property located at 154 - 28th Street, #1, San Francisco, California, (Property #6), with a concluded value of \$1,132,000.00. Property #6 is a condominium consisting of four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and 2,147 square feet of gross living area. Property #6 was inspected on or about March 13, 2009, by Respondent's trainee S.S. Respondent concluded the appraised value of Property #6 was \$1,132,000.00. The intended use of the Appraisal Report was for refinancing purposes.

# FORTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Name Individual Performing Significant

Real Property Appraisal Assistance)

76. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rules sections 1-2(h), 2-2(b)(vii), 2-3, and the Scope of Work Rule in that the report failed to appropriately disclose the professional assistance in the preparation of the report by trainee S.S.

## FORTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Cooperate with OREA Investigation)

77. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated Code section 11328 when he provided an altered version of his appraisal report to the OREA, which was not the version of his appraisal report that was submitted to the lender.

# FORTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Employ Recognized Methods and Techniques)

78. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule sections 1-1(a), in that Respondent failed to correctly employ those recognized methods and techniques necessary

to produce a credible report, as alleged in paragraphs 76 and 77, above, incorporated herein by reference.

### FORTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Commission of Substantial Errors of Omission or Commission)

79. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 1-1(b) in that Respondent committed substantial errors of omission or commission affecting the credibility of the appraisal, as alleged in paragraphs 76 and 77, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# FORTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Misleading Appraisal Report)

80. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 2-1(a) in that Respondent failed to clearly and accurately set forth the appraisal in a manner that would not be misleading, as alleged in paragraphs 76 and 77, above, incorporated herein by reference.

# FIFTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Sufficient Information in Appraisal Report)

81. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated USPAP Standards Rule section 2-1(b) in that Respondent failed to provide sufficient information to enable the intended users of the report to understand it properly, as alleged in paragraphs 76 and 77, above, incorporated herein by reference.

### FIFTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

82. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivision (a)(6), on the grounds he violated the Conduct Section of the USPAP Ethics Rule in providing unprofessional services, as alleged in paragraphs 76 and 77, above, incorporated herein by reference.

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# FIFTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience - Supervision)

83. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(7), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), and section 3568, subdivisions (e)(4), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. regarding his scope of supervision and appraisal review in the Log of Appraisal for S.S.

# FIFTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Certification: Log of Appraisal Experience – Intended User)

84. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Regulations section 3721, subdivisions (a)(5) and (a)(6), in violation of section 3568, subdivision (e)(4), section 3722, subdivision (c)(6), and section 3702, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(3), in that on or about April 14, 2009, Respondent signed under penalty of perjury a misleading and false certification for the Log of Appraisal Experience for trainee appraiser S.S. that his own appraisal business, that is California Property Appraisals, was the intended user of the appraisal report.

# DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

- To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
   Complainant alleges:
- 2. Two prior enforcement complaints, Case Nos. C070302-04 and C071012-02 were investigated concurrently and, on or about July 15, 2008, resulted in one Citation issued against Respondent. Respondent received a \$1,000.00 fine, 30 hours of basic education, and complete the 15 hour basic education course on the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The findings for the Citation included Respondent's: inappropriate disclosure of professional assistance; failure to disclose the relevant characteristics of the subject properties and comparable sales utilized; and, failure to accurately measure and report the subject property's gross living area. Further, in relation to the finding regarding Respondent's inappropriate disclosure of professional assistance, OREA warned Respondent not to use "could have" in his